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Invitation to attend the 5th International Meeting of OERu Partners

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Dear OERu Partners and Colleagues

The University of the Highlands and Islands is honoured to host the 5th International Meeting of OERu Partners. Planning for this event is well underway and we extend an invitation to OERu partner representatives to participate in this important meeting scheduled for 3 and 4 October 2016 in Inverness, Scotland.

The purpose of the 5th meeting of OERu partners is to:

- Review progress with the implementation of the OERu Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017.
- Plan the launch of the **OERu 1st year of study** and corresponding priorities for 2017
- Recalibrate key performance indicators for our “evergreen” strategic planning model.
- Identify and plan strategic initiatives for 2017 and beyond.

Details regarding venue, transport, accommodation and other items of interest are available on the meetings.oeru.org website. Please RSVP **before 31 August 2016** by registering directly online here: OER.nz/v

The partner's meeting will be followed by the 4th Meeting of the Council of Chief Executive Officers on 5 October 2016. Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers will receive a separate letter of invitation.

If you require any further information or assistance regarding these two events please contact Andy Brown (Andy.Brown@uhi.ac.uk) or Wayne Mackintosh (wayne@oerfoundation.org)

We are very excited to be hosting both annual meetings of the OERu family in Scotland, which is the first time the network will be convening in Europe. We look forward to welcoming you personally to Scottish Highlands and that you will be able to stay on a little longer to experience the many tourist attractions our region has to offer.

With kind regards



Professor Clive Mulholland BSc PhD CSci FIBMS SFHEA FRSA
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Vice-Chair, Executive Committee of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers



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1. OERu 16.09 Open planning consultation	
When	September (Dates to be confirmed)
Where	Online virtual meetings
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners
Purpose	Discussions to inform the meeting agendas and prepare inputs for the 5 th international meeting of OERu partners.
Hosts	OER Foundation

2. OERu 16.10 International meeting of OERu partners	
When	3 and 4 October 2016 (All day meetings)
Where	Inverness, University of the Highlands and Islands
Who	Staff, Managers and Chief Executives from OERu partner institutions and observers
Purpose	5 th meeting of OERu partners to discuss strategy and plan for the launch of the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	University of the Highlands and Islands.
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/

4. 4th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers	
When	5 October 2016 (9:00am to 2:00pm)
Where	Inverness, University of the Highlands and Islands
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu anchor partners (or senior leader nominees).
Purpose	Review outputs of the partners meeting and consider proposals for the implementation of the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	Professor Clive Mulholland, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of the Highlands and Islands and Deputy Chair of the OERu Council of CEOs.